

IN THE SPECIFICATION

Please amend paragraph bridging Page 12, Line 21 to Page 13, Line 10, as follows:

“The platen plate 1 entirely made of an ABS resin, as shown in Fig. 1A, is formed in a slender box shape having raised pieces formed along the periphery in a width corresponding to the width wise direction of the ink ejection surface 22 of the print head 20. The platen plate 1 is also provided with extensions 1a arranged on the upstream side in the conveying direction of the recording sheet 51 so as to ensure the conveying stability of the recording sheet 51 as well as to sufficiently store ejected ink droplets. Furthermore, as shown in Fig. 1C, the platen plate 1 is provided with ribs 2 to 6 raised from a bottom surface 1b so as to extend in the conveying direction of the recording sheet 51. A plurality of the ribs 2 to 6, as shown in Fig. 1A, [[are]] is arranged at predetermined in the width wise direction of the platen plate 1. Furthermore, as shown in Fig. 1B, the platen plate 1 has a bottom end which has a crenellated shape in cross section.”